

Doctor of Philosophy in Marriage and Family Therapy

Offered through the Amridge University School of Human Services, the PhD Degree Program in Marriage and Family Therapy is a 60-semester hour rigorous research oriented program beyond the Master's degree. The number of hours required for the completion of the doctorate will depend on the number of graduate hours the student has already taken before entering the program. This PhD program is not designed to prepare individuals for professional licensure. It is assumed that the applicant has already completed the course work required for professional licensure. If the applicant wishes to obtain professional licensure, additional courses may be required. The distinctive components of this program are its emphasis on Marriage and Family Therapy and its traditional and non-traditional extended learning delivery system. Broadly put, upon completion of the program, the student will have an advanced degree with both therapeutic expertise and scholarship. Students will complete intensive studies in theories of therapy, human development, problems with abuse and addiction, cultural diversity, and research.



DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Courses Required

	Sem. Hrs.
DT 9300 Family Therapy and Counseling in the PhD Setting	3
DT 9303 Integrative Models of Marriage and Family Therapy	3
DT 9309 Applied Adult Development	3
DT 9312 Relational Sexual Therapy	3
DT 9315 Strategies to Reduce Marriage and Family Dysfunction	3
DT 9318 Systemic Interventions in Abusive Relationships	3
DT 9321 Analysis of Substance Abuse Interventions	3
DT 9324 Systems of Relational and Intrapsychic Diagnosis	3
DT 9327 Consultation with Larger Systems	3
DT 9330 Medical Family Therapy	3
DT 9336 Quality Practice and Fiscal Systems (For students who plan to practice)	3
OR	
DT 9337 Teaching Practicum (for students who plan to teach)	3
FT 8300 Supervisor Training	3
RS 9361 Advanced Research Methods	3
RS 9362 Theory and Methodology in Qualitative Research	3
RS 9363 Design and Quantitative Analysis in Research I	3
RS 9364 Design and Quantitative Analysis in Research II	3
RT 9391 Research Dissertation in Therapy Module I	3
RT 9395 Research Dissertation in Counseling Module I First Continuation (as needed)	
RT 9385 Research Dissertation in Counseling Module I Second Continuation (as needed)	
RT 9392 Research Dissertation in Therapy Module II	3
RT 9396 Research Dissertation in Counseling Module II First Continuation (as needed)	
RT 9386 Research Dissertation in Counseling Module II Second Continuation (as needed)	
RT 9393 Research Dissertation in Therapy Module III	3
RT 9397 Research Dissertation in Counseling Module III First Continuation (as needed)	
RT 9387 Research Dissertation in Counseling Module III Second Continuation (as needed)	
RT 9394 Research Dissertation in Therapy Module IV	3
RT 9398 Research Dissertation in Counseling Module IV First Continuation (as needed)	
RT 9388 Research Dissertation in Counseling Module IV Second Continuation (as needed)	

Total Required Hours for Doctor of Philosophy in Marriage and Family Therapy 60

Qualifying Examination

DT 9053 Qualifying Examination for the Doctor of Philosophy in Marriage and Family Therapy	0
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The PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy may be completed in four years if a student elects to attend full time. The four-year estimate includes coursework and the writing and acceptance of the dissertation. Students may also choose to take courses on a part-time basis, extending the projected time for completion.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS



- Application with Fee
- Official transcript showing an earned 3.0 GPA graduate degree, in a related field, from a regionally or selected nationally accredited institution.
- Writing Sample
- Interview of the Applicant



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